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Examiner: McKenzie, T.

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicants wish to thank Examiners McKenzie and Shah for their courtesy in the interview conducted on September 10, 2003. The amendment and remarks address the issues raised by the Examiner in an Office Action dated June 16, 2003.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). With the granting of said extension, it is believed that this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$475.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2613 for the three-month extension fee due herein and any other fees that may become due or credit become payable during the pendency of this application.

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